

The FCC should act to strengthen, rather than weaken, restrictions on cross-ownership of newspapers and TV/radio stations in the same geographical areas. It's bad enough that the majority of American cities now have only one daily newspaper; to dilute cross-ownership restrictions, however, encourages increasing control of the means of information on which citizens of a democracy depend by fewer and fewer hands--and hands guided more by a hunger for profit than by the responsibilities of journalism. There is NO WAY that this can be good for the American people or for democracy. The FCC was created to serve the public interest, and that is served by encouraging competition and diversity in media, not conglomeratization and standardization. Please act in the public interest by strengthening, rather than weakening, restrictions on media cross-ownership. Thank you. -- JW